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SUBJECT: POLITICS OF CYCLONE RELIEF IN TAMIL NADU

REF: MADRAS 1777

1. THERE IS A WIDESPREAD IMPRESSION HERE THAT THE GOVERNMENT
OF TAMIL NADU (GOTN) RELIEF PROGRAM SO FAR HAS BEEN QUICK,
EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT. CENTRAL GOVERNMENT LEADERS WHO HAVE
VISITED TAMIL ADU HAVE PRAISED THE GOTN'S RELIEF
ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION, ALTHOUGH A FEW LOCAL OPPOSITION
POLITICAIAANS HAVE CRITICIZED THE GOVERNMENT FOR NOT TAKING ADEQUATE
PRECAUTIONS BEFORE THE STORM STRUCK. CHIEF MINISTER M.G.
RAMACHANDRAN APPEARS TO FEEL CONFIDENT ENOUGH IN HIS GOVERNMENT'S
PERFORMANCE SO FAR TO PUBLICLY ATTACK HIS STRONGEST AND BITTEREST
OPPONENT, THE DMK, WHOM HE ACCUSED OF OBSTRUCTING THE RELIEF
EFFORT BY CONTINUING TO DEMONSTRATE FOR THE RELEASE OF THE
DMK'S JAILED LEADER, M. KARUNANIDHI, EVEN AFTER THE STORM
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HAD STRUCK. THE CHIEF MINISTER SAID THE DMK HAD NO RIGHT TO
CRITICIZE THE GOVERNMENT WHEN THAT PARTY ITSELF HAD DONE NOTHING
TO HELP.

2. RAMACHANDRAN HAS ALSO ORDERED AN OFFICIAL INQUIRY INTO
THE COLLAPSE DURING THE STORM OF THE KODAGANARU DAM IN MARURAI
DISTRICT, WHICH INUNDATED 45 VILLAGES AND HEAVILY

DAMAGED IRRIGATION FACILITIES. THE DAM WAS BEGUN THREE YEARS AGO
UNDER THE DMK AND ONLY COMPLETED LAST YEAR. NEWSPAPER REPORTS
SAY THE DAM WAS NOT DESIGNED TO HANDLE THE AMOUNT OF WATER THAT
FILLED ITS RESERVOIR AFTER THE CYCLONE AND MANY PEOPLE IN THE
AREA OBJECTED TO ITS
CONSTRUCTION IN THE FIRST PLACE. MCCASKILL UNQUOTE.
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